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SUBJECT: GATT - BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING ON REMUNERATION

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1. DURING JULY 5 SPECIAL MEETING GATT COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG SAID COMMITTEE LAST YEAR RECOGNIZED PROBLEM OF EROSION OF SALARIES, ALLOWANCES AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF GATT SECRETARIAT PROFESSIONAL STAFF. LONG SAID IN SPITE OF MINOR ADJUSTMENTS PROBLEM NOW MORE ACUTE AND ADDED THAT PHENOMENON OF SAVINGS ACCRUING TO CONTRACTING PARTIES TO DETRIMENT OF STAFF AS RESULT EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES WAS "UNCONSCIONABLE". STAFF ASSOCIATION REP MADE PRESENTATION SIMILAR TO THAT ANTICIPATED IN REFTELS, INDICATING THAT EROSION OF BENEFITS OF GENEVA STAFFS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WAS SEPARATE PROBLEM FROM WORLD-WIDE ADJUSTMENTS OF UN COMMON SYSTEM.

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2. MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE EXPRESSED SYMPATHY AND CONCERN AND MOST AGREED PROBLEM NOW SERIOUS ENOUGH TO AFFECT MORALE AND EFFICIENCY OF GATT STAFF. US (SPRUCE) DID NOT SPEAK ON LATTER POINT. SOME DELS FELT UN MACHINERY MOVING TOO SLOWLY AND FAVORED EQUITY PARMENTS OUT OF GATT BUDGET. MOST, INCLUDING US, OPPOSED ANY ACTION OUTSIDE UN COMMON SYSTEM, AND THIS WAS FINAL POSITION OF COMMITTEE. US AND FRG NOTED INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NOW UNDER WAY IN GENEVA WAS EXPECTED EXAMINE QUESTION OF GENEVA-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND JOINT SSTAFF PENSION BOARD MEETING IN COPENHAGEN JULY 15 WILL EXAMINE PENSIONS. COMMITTEE RENEWED REQUEST MADE IN 1973 ASKING DG LONG US HIS INFLUENCE IN APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS TO CORRECT UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION. DALE

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